

Application No.10/747,793
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6 as follows:

Referring to FIGS. 3A and 3B, an improved fastening arrangement in accordance with the present invention is shown in conjunction with the fastener of FIG. 1. The fastener has an elongated base 11 including two ends each having a bendable ~~inner prong 10~~ leg (inner prong 10) extending therefrom. For a more complete description of such a fastener, see U.S. Patent No. 6,565,277. As a departure from the prior art, ~~an outer prong 37~~ a sheath (outer prong 37) comprising a ~~prong cover 36~~ an extension (prong cover 30) with at least one bendable tab 39 attached thereto is provided for each inner prong 10. Tab 39 includes a side flange 31 extending longitudinally along a portion of its inner face. Side flange 31 is configured for slideably engaging inner prong 10, thereby guiding and securing outer prong 37 and tab 39 with inner prong 10. As illustrated in FIG. 3A, tab 39 of outer prong 37 is aligned with an outside face of inner prong 10 in such a way for side flange 31 to receive a marginal edge of inner prong 10. When side flange 31 receives inner prong 10, prong cover 30 is aligned with inner prong 10. Once aligned, outer prong 37 can be slideably guided downward along inner prong 10 with a marginal edge of inner prong 10 partially encased by flange 31. Flange 31 assists in guiding inner prong 10 into prong cover 30. One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that prong cover 30, tab 39 and side flange 31 may, although not necessary to the spirit of the invention, abut a surface of and/or at least partially cover inner prong 10. Additionally, prong cover 30, tab 39 and side flange 31 may be integrally formed with outer prong 37 or alternatively composed of any number of suitable materials and bonded or affixed to a portion of outer prong 37.

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